

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**Telecommunications Division  
Carrier Branch**

**RESOLUTION T-16866**

**R E S O L U T I O N**

**Resolution T-16866. Sierra Telephone Company, Inc. (U-1016-C).  
Request for authority to revise tariff schedule Cal. P.U.C. No. 1908-T,  
Map of Territory Served, to realign the common exchange boundary  
between Sierra Telephone Company's Mariposa Exchange and  
Hornitos Telephone Company's Catheys Valley Exchange.**

**By Advice Letter No. 322, filed on February 11, 2004.**

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**Summary**

This Executive Director Action Resolution authorizes Sierra Telephone Company, Inc. (Sierra) to revise tariff schedule Cal. P.U.C. No.1908-T, Map of Territory Served, to realign the common exchange boundary between Sierra's Mariposa Exchange and Hornitos Telephone Company's (Hornitos') Catheys Valley Exchange.

**Background**

By Advice Letter (AL) No. 322, filed on February 11, 2004, Sierra requests authority to revise tariff schedule Cal. P.U.C. No.1908-T, Map of Territory Served, to realign the common exchange boundary between Sierra's Mariposa Exchange and Hornitos' Catheys Valley Exchange. In this filing which transfers the territory between the two companies as follows:

- (1) Approximately 2.06 square miles of territory currently in Hornitos' Catheys Valley Exchange is transferred to Sierra's Mariposa Exchange, and
- (2) Approximately .45 square miles of territory currently in Sierra's Mariposa Exchange is transferred to Hornitos' Catheys Valley Exchange.

### **Notice/ Protests**

Sierra states that copies of the Advice Letter had been mailed to adjacent utilities and/or other utilities. Notice of AL No. 322 was published in the Commission Daily Calendar of February 20, 2004. No protest to this AL has been received.

### **Discussion**

Sierra states that the original boundary line between the Catheys Valley Exchange and the Mariposa Exchange was established on a Mariposa County road. Through the years this road has been rerouted which has caused the exact boundary between the Exchanges to become difficult to determine. The new boundary lines follow parcel lines and current roadways as mutually agreed upon by Sierra and Hornitos. Further, Sierra states that this deviation will continue until such time as the customers disconnect their services. New customers moving into the realigned area will be provided service from the correct Exchanges. Sierra indicates that this filing will not increase or change any rate, cause any withdrawal of service, or conflict with existing rates, rules and conditions.

Resolution No. T-9599, dated March 29, 1977, authorizes the Executive Director to grant requests by communication utilities to deviate from filed tariffs for customers whose exchange of services are affected by a utility initiated boundary realignment or serving central office rearrangement and the customer wishes to retain his existing service.

Telecommunications Division (TD) has reviewed Sierra AL No. 322. TD concludes that Sierra's request for authority to revise tariff schedule Cal. P.U.C. No.1908-T, Map of Territory Served, to realign the common exchange boundary between Sierra's Mariposa Exchange and Hornitos' Catheys Valley Exchange is reasonable. This filing establishes a clearly distinguishable boundary between the two neighboring rural Exchanges. TD recommends that the Commission approve this filing.

Commission approval is based on the specifics of the Advice Letter and does not establish a precedent for the contents of future filings or for Commission approval of similar requests.

We find TD's above recommendation reasonable.

## **Findings**

1. Sierra requests authority to revise tariff schedule Cal. P.U.C. No.1908-T, Map of Territory Served, to realign the common exchange boundary between Sierra's Mariposa Exchange and Hornitos' Catheys Valley Exchange.
2. The original boundary line between the Catheys Valley Exchange and the Mariposa Exchange was established on a Mariposa County road. Through the years this road has been rerouted which has caused the exact boundary between the Exchanges to become difficult to determine.
3. In this filing which transfers the territory between the two companies as follows:

Approximately 2.06 square miles of territory currently in Hornitos' Catheys Valley Exchange is transferred to Sierra's Mariposa Exchange, and

Approximately .45 square miles of territory currently in Sierra's Mariposa Exchange is transferred to Hoenitos' Catheys Valley Exchange.

4. This filing establishes a clearly distinguishable boundary between the two neighboring rural Exchanges.
5. After reviewing AL No. 322, TD recommends that the Commission approve this filing.
6. Pursuant to the authority granted the Executive Director in Resolution No. T-9599, Sierra's request to revise tariff schedule Cal. P.U.C. No.1908-T, Map of Territory Served, to realign the common exchange boundary between Sierra's Mariposa Exchange and Hornitos' Catheys Valley Exchange is just and reasonable and should be granted.

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:**

1. Sierra requests authority to revise tariff schedule Cal. P.U.C. No.1908-T, Map of Territory Served, to realign the common exchange boundary between Sierra's Mariposa Exchange and Hornitos' Catheys Valley Exchange is granted.

This Resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by Executive Action Resolution on July 26, 2004.

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Executive Director